

- Author: Moses (see Mark 7:10)
- Timeframe: approx 1500BC (ch 1) to 1445BC (ch40) – The exodus 1446BC
- Main characters: Moses, Pharaoh, Israelites, **God**
- Theme: Redemption

1. **The God who rescues his people (ch 1- 13)**

- Under threat from Egyptians (ch1) – but God rescues (in a silent way)
- Moses life threatened (ch2) – but God rescues (in a surprising way)
- Pharaoh refuses (ch5-11) – but God rescues (in a powerful sovereign way)
- Pharaoh pursues (ch13) – but God rescues (in an ‘impossible’ way)
- Rescued in spite of their unworthiness – Jacob’s descendants (1:1-5)
- God is a God who rescues sinners who don’t deserve it

2. **The God who provides for his people (ch 13-24)**

- A God who provides: a path through the sea – ch 13-14
- A God who provides: a pillar of cloud & fire to guide – ch 13-18
- A God who provides: food and water in the desert – ch 16-17
- A God who provides: victory – ch 17
- A God who provides: instruction for life – ch 19-24
- No matter the situation God always provides

3. **The God who dwells with his people (ch 25-40)**

- Climax of Exodus isn’t rescue, but residing – God rescued them to dwell with them
- Exodus 25:8; 29:46 – this was the purpose of the rescue
- The people go from making cities for Pharaoh, to making a place for God to dwell
- God is a God who comes near to be with people so they can enjoy him
- He doesn’t remain afar (on Mt Sinai), but takes a tent so they can know he is with them

Why study Exodus?

a) To encounter God

- Gain a fresh appreciation of the holiness, power, faithfulness, patience, mercy of God
- So easy to have our own ideas of God – we need corrected

b) To see Christ

- Full of great illustrations of Christ – the Lamb who dies, the ‘I am’, the living water, the bread of life, the tabernacle (cf John 1:14)
- Full of great parallels to Christ – escapes from Egypt, into wilderness, temptation, but unlike Israel he is faithful.

c) To appreciate & understand Salvation

- Exodus is a giant illustration of the need and nature of God’s salvation
- The New Testament language of salvation is rooted here – ransom, redeem

Notices

- Sab No Evening service
- Wed No midweek bible study due to weather
- Fri 15th The congregation is invited to John George’s ordination and commissioning in the Oakfield centre, Carrickfergus at 7.30pm. Speak to Mark if you intend going
- Fri 15th Darwinism and the Bible 150 years on
Dr Robert Beckett at Faughan RP Church 7.30pm
(This is also doubling as the Presbytery Youth event)
- Sat Calendar distribution - weather permitting - 11.30am
- 5-7 Feb Adult Conference - Portrush
Theme - A Fragile Stone - Lessons from the life of Peter - Rev Gareth Burke
Application forms available

Please speak to Anne (Messenger) or Joyce (Covenanter Witness) if you would like to receive either of these magazines

If you would like to bible reading notes speak to Mark about ‘Let’s worship God’ (Airdrie RP Church). Notes can also be freely downloaded from www.airdrierpcs.org/pubs.php

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d) To see how to live the Christian life

- Same mistakes plague Israel in 1445BC as us in 2010AD

Challenge

- Aim to read Exodus through several times.
- You might find these daily reading notes helpful:
www.rutherfordhouse.org.uk/downloads/sermon-notes/gp-exodus.pdf
- Pray that you will meet the God of Exodus and know him better

Next week’s passage: Exodus 1

Opening Psalm: 63:5-8

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